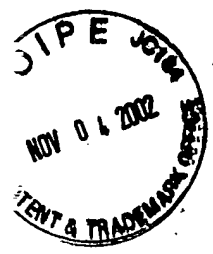


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For: A PREPARATION CONTAINING CELL EXTRACTS FOR CELL-FREE PROTEIN SYNTHESIS AND MEANS FOR SYNTHESIZING PROTEIN USING THE PREPARATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

October 30, 2002

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert as a new paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of earlier filed International Application No.

PCT/JP99/04088 filed July 29, 1999.--

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REMARKS

No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.